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1. IN COURSE CONVERSATION WITH MISOFFS JULY 20, TAKAOKA (JAPANESE MISSION) NOTED UN BUREAU, SEEKING AGREEMENT WITHIN FON MIN TO SUBMIT NPT FOR RATIFICATION DURING DIET SESSION WHICH BEGINS DECEMBER 1973. UN BUREAU APPARENTLY USING ARGUMENT THAT ELECTION UPPER HOUSE DIET SCHEDULED JULY 1974, WHICH WILL CUT SHORT SESSION BEGINNING DECEMBER 1973, AND, UNLESS NPT SUBMITTED THAT SESSION, DIET ACTION WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL DECEMBER 1974 SESSION, WHICH IS REGARDED AS "TOO LATE", IN LIGHT OF MARCH 1975 CONFERENCE TO REVIEW NPT OPERATION. OTHERS IN FON MIN ARGUE AGAINST DEBATE IN SESSION BEGINNING DECEMBER 1973 ON BASIS RISK OF CREATING ELECTION ISSUE, WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE RATIFICATION.

2. UN BUREAU, ACCORDING TO TAKAOKA, HAS MADE DECISION TO COMPLETE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT BY DECEMBER 1973. THAT WAS BASIS FOR PROPOSED DATE OF END JULY OR EARLY AUGUST FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS OF IAEA'S CALCUL-
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ATIONS OF EXAMPLES REPORT PARA 2 REFTEL. TAKAOKA NOW EXPECTS

DISCUSSIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER IN TOKYO. HIS VAGUE RESPONSE TO QUESTION RE REASON FOR TOKYO LEADS MISSION TO CONCLUSION THAT PRIMARY BASIS IS FACT THAT EURATOM-IAEA NEGOTIATION ALTERNATED BETWEEN VIENNA AND BRUSSELS.

3. TAKAOKA EXPLAINED THAT INFO GIVEN TO IAEA NOTED PARA 2 REFTEL, BASED UPON ACTUAL ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL FABRICATION PLANT AND CHEMICAL REPROCESSING PLANT BUT INFO FOR PLUTONIUM (MIXED-OXIDE) FUEL FABRICATION PLANT WAS HYPOTHETICAL. HE CONFIRMED THAT IAEA HAD BEEN ASKED TO MAKE TWO SETS OF CALCULATIONS, AS NOTED REFTEL. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY IAEA THAT REQUESTED CALCULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE SINGLE-STATE NPT AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE DONE. SINCE SIGNIFICANT CHARACTERISTICS EACH SUCH PLANT VARY WIDELY AND NO EXACT COUNTERPARTS HAD BEEN FOUND AMONG THOSE FOR WHICH FACILITY ATTACHMENTS HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH SINGLE STAGE. HE SEEMED TO ACCEPT THAT EXPLANATION. COMMENT: MISSION PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE THIS POSITION OF IAEA AND DOUBTS THAT IT WILL STAND UP IF JAPANESE PURSUE REQUEST BY PRESENTING IAEA WITH DESCRIPTION HYPOTHETICAL (OR REAL) MINIMAL NATIONAL SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO PLANTS. LABOWITZ

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